
On Generalizing the *AMG* Framework

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Outline

- ***AMG / AMGe* framework background**
- **New Measures and Convergence Theory**
- **Building Interpolation**
- **Compatible Relaxation**
- **Examples**
- **Conclusions and future directions**

AMG / AMGe Framework

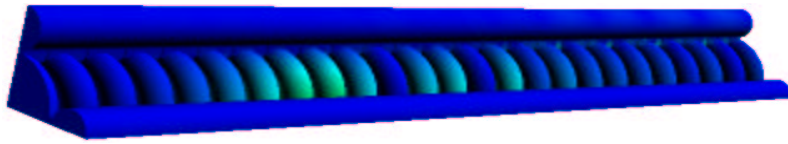
- **AMGe heuristic is based on multigrid theory:**
interpolation must reproduce a mode up to the same accuracy as the size of the associated eigenvalue
- **Bound a **measure** (weak approximation property):**

$$\|A\| \frac{\langle (I-Q)e, (I-Q)e \rangle}{\langle Ae, e \rangle}; \quad Q = P \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I \end{bmatrix}$$

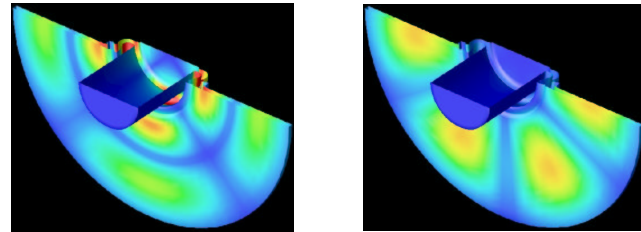
- **Localize the measure to build AMGe components**
- **Several variants developed: *E-Free, Spectral***
- **Based on pointwise relaxation**
- **Assumes coarse grid is a subset of fine grid**

We are generalizing our *AMG* framework to address new problem classes

- Maxwell and Helmholtz problems have huge near null spaces and require more than pointwise smoothing to achieve optimality in multigrid



Model of a section of the Next Linear Collider structure



Resonant frequencies in a Helmholtz Application

- Our new theory allows for **any type of smoother**, and also works for a **variety of coarsening approaches** (e.g., vertex-based, cell-based, agglomeration)
- Paper submitted

Preliminaries...

- Consider solving the **linear system**

$$Au = f$$

- Consider **smoothers** of the form

$$u_{k+1} = u_k + M^{-1}r_k$$

where we assume that $(M+M^T-A)$ is SPD (necessary & sufficient condition for convergence)

- **Note:** M may be symmetric or nonsymmetric
- Smoother **error propagation**

$$e_{k+1} = (I - M^{-1}A) e_k$$

Preliminaries continued...

- Let $P : \mathfrak{K}^{n_c} \rightarrow \mathfrak{K}^n$ be **interpolation** (prolongation)
- Let $R : \mathfrak{K}^n \rightarrow \mathfrak{K}^{n_c}$ be some “**restriction**” operator
 - Note that R is not the MG restriction operator
 - The form of R will be important later
- Define $Q : \mathfrak{K}^n \rightarrow \mathfrak{K}^n$ to be a **projection** onto $\text{range}(P)$; hence $Q=PR$ such that $RP=I$

Two new measures

- **First measure:**

$$\mu(Q, e) = \frac{\langle M(M + M^T - A)^{-1} M^T (I - Q) e, (I - Q) e \rangle}{\langle A e, e \rangle}$$

- **Second measure:** Define $\sigma(M) \equiv \frac{1}{2}(M + M^T)$, then

$$\mu_{\sigma}(Q, e) = \frac{\langle \sigma(M) (I - Q) e, (I - Q) e \rangle}{\langle A e, e \rangle}$$

- **Measure μ_{σ} is the analogue to the *AMGe* measure**

First measure and *MG* convergence

- **Theorem:** Assume that the following holds for some constant K :

$$\mu(Q, e) \leq K \quad \forall e \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$$

Then, 2-level *MG* converges uniformly:

$$\left\| (I - M^{-1}A) (I - Q_A) e \right\|_A \leq \left(1 - \frac{1}{K} \right)^{1/2} \|e\|_A$$

Here, $Q_A = P(P^TAP)^{-1}P^TA$ is the A -orthogonal projector onto $\text{range}(P)$

- **As in *AMGe*, we could try to directly localize this new measure to help us build *AMG* algorithms**
- **But, we will take a different approach**

Second measure and MG convergence

- **Bounding μ_σ also implies uniform convergence...**
- **Lemma:** Assume that $(M+M^T-A)$ is SPD. Then,

$$\mu(Q, e) \leq \frac{\Delta^2}{2-\omega} \mu_\sigma(Q, e)$$

where $\Delta \geq 1$ measures the deviation of M from $\sigma(M)$

$$\langle Mv, w \rangle \leq \Delta \langle \sigma(M)v, v \rangle^{1/2} \langle \sigma(M)w, w \rangle^{1/2}$$

and where $0 < \omega \equiv \lambda_{\max}(\sigma(M)^{-1}A) < 2$.

- **Must insure “good” constants**
 - in particular, $\omega \ll 2$

General notions of *C-pts* & *F-pts*

- Recall the projection $Q=PR$, with $RP=I$
- We now fix R so that it does not depend on P
 - Defines the **coarse-grid variables**, $u_c = Ru$
 - Recall that $R=[0, I]$ ($P^T=[W^T, I]^T$) for AMGe; i.e., the coarse-grid variables were a subset of the fine grid
 - *C-pt analogue*
- Define $S : \mathbb{R}^{n_s} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ **s.t.** $n_s = n - n_c$ **and** $RS = 0$
 - Think of $\text{range}(S)$ as the “**smoother space**”, i.e., the space on which the smoother must be effective
 - Note that S is not unique
 - *F-pt analogue*
- S and R^T define an **orthogonal decomposition** of \mathbb{R}^n ; any vector e can be written as $e = Se_s + R^T e_c$

The Min-max Problem

- Consider the following base measure, where X is any SPD matrix:

$$\mu_X(Q, e) \equiv \frac{\langle X(I-Q)e, (I-Q)e \rangle}{\langle Ae, e \rangle}$$

- Theorem:** Define

$$\mu_X^* \equiv \min_P \max_{e \neq 0} \mu_X(PR, e)$$

The *arg min* satisfies $S^T A P_* = 0$ and the minimum is

$$\mu_X^* = \lambda_{\min}^{-1} \left((S^T X S)^{-1} (S^T A S) \right)$$

- We will call P_* the **optimal interpolation** operator

The Min-max Problem... and AMGe

- The optimal interpolation has the general form:

$$P_* = \begin{bmatrix} S & R^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -(S^T A S)^{-1} (S^T A R^T) \\ I \end{bmatrix}$$

- For AMGe, the coarse-grid variables are a subset of the fine grid:

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I \end{bmatrix}; \quad P = \begin{bmatrix} W \\ I \end{bmatrix}; \quad S = \begin{bmatrix} I \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence,

$$P_* = \begin{bmatrix} -A_{ff}^{-1} A_{fc} \\ I \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mu_X^* = \frac{\|A\|}{\lambda_{\min}(A_{ff})}$$

The Min-max Problem... Spectral AMGe and Smoothed Aggregation (SA)

- For Spectral AMGe and SA, the coarse-grid variables are coefficients of basis functions:

$$R^T = [p_1, \dots, p_c], \quad RP = I, \quad S = [p_{c+1}, \dots, p_n]$$

where the p_i are orthonormal eigenvectors of A with eigenvalues $\lambda_1 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_n$. Hence,

$$P_* = R^T, \quad \mu_X^* = \frac{\lambda_n}{\lambda_{c+1}}$$

- The optimal interpolation can also be viewed as a “smoothed” tentative prolongator

$$P_* = (I - S(S^T A S)^{-1} S^T A) R^T$$

The new theory separates construction of coarse-grid correction into two parts

- The following measures the ability of a given coarse grid Ω_c to represent algebraically smooth error:

$$\mu^* \equiv \min_P \max_{e \neq 0} \mu(PR, e)$$

- **Theorem:** (1) Assume that $\mu^* \leq K$ for some constant K .
(2) Assume that any one of the following holds for $\eta \geq 1$:

$$\langle A Qe, Qe \rangle \leq \eta \langle Ae, e \rangle, \quad \forall e$$

$$\langle A (I - Q) e, (I - Q) e \rangle \leq \eta \langle Ae, e \rangle, \quad \forall e$$

$$\langle A P e_c, S e_s \rangle^2 \leq (1 - \eta^{-1}) \langle A P e_c, P e_c \rangle \langle A S e_s, S e_s \rangle, \quad \forall e_c, e_s$$

Then, $\mu(PR, e) \leq \eta K, \forall e$.

- **(1) insures coarse grid quality** – use CR
- **(2) insures interpolation quality** – necessary condition that does not depend on relaxation!

CR is an efficient method for measuring the quality of the set of coarse variables

- **CR** (Brandt, 2000) is a modified relaxation scheme that keeps the coarse-level variables, Ru , invariant
- We have defined **several variants of CR**, and shown that **fast converging CR implies a good coarse grid**:

$$\mu^* \leq \left(\frac{\Delta^2}{2 - \omega} \right) \frac{1}{1 - \rho_{cr}}$$

- **Hence, CR can be used as a tool to efficiently measure the quality of a coarse grid!**
- **General idea:** *If CR is slow to converge, either increase the size of the coarse grid or modify relaxation*
- **F-relaxation is a specific instance of CR**

We can use **CR** to choose the coarse grid

- To check convergence of **CR**, relax on the equation

$$A_{ff} x = 0$$

and monitor pointwise convergence to 0

- **CR coarsening algorithm:**

Initialize $U = \Omega$; $C = \emptyset$; $F = \Omega - C$

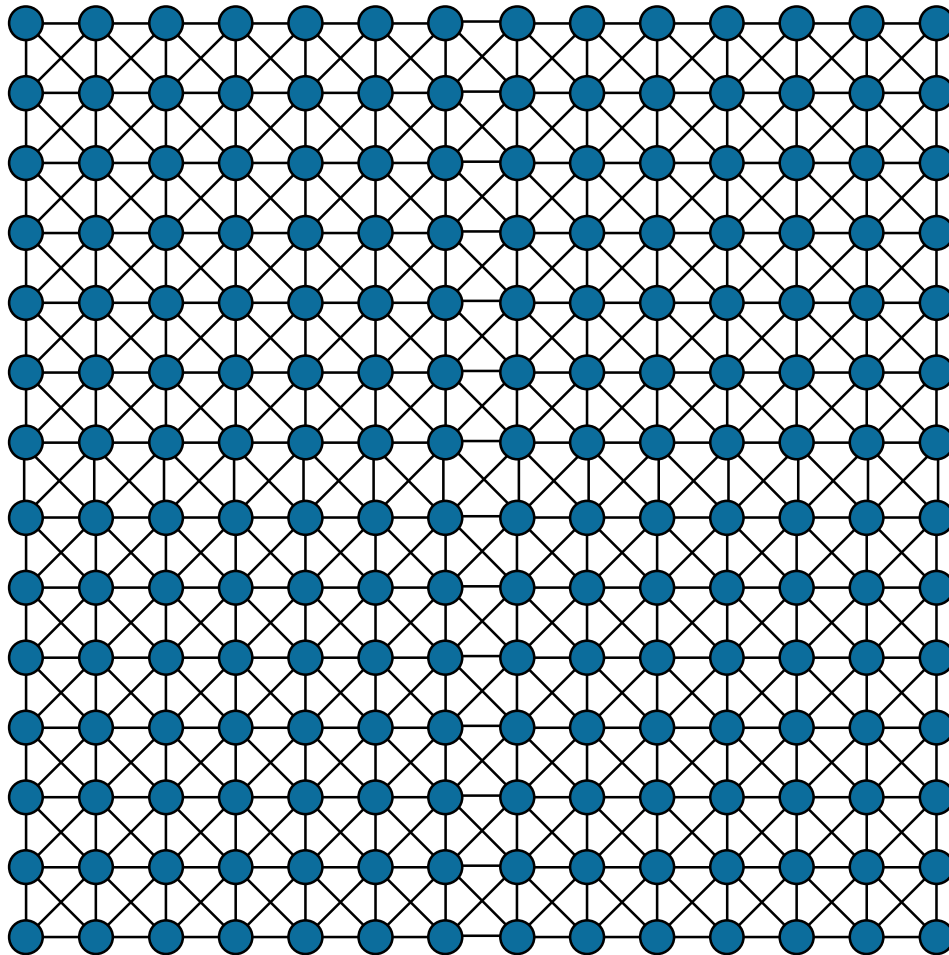
While $U \neq \emptyset$

Do ν compatible relaxation sweeps

$$U = \{i : |x_i^\nu / x_i^{\nu-1}| > \theta\}$$

$$C = C \cup \{\text{independent set of } U\}; \quad F = \Omega - C$$

Using *CR* to choose the coarse grid

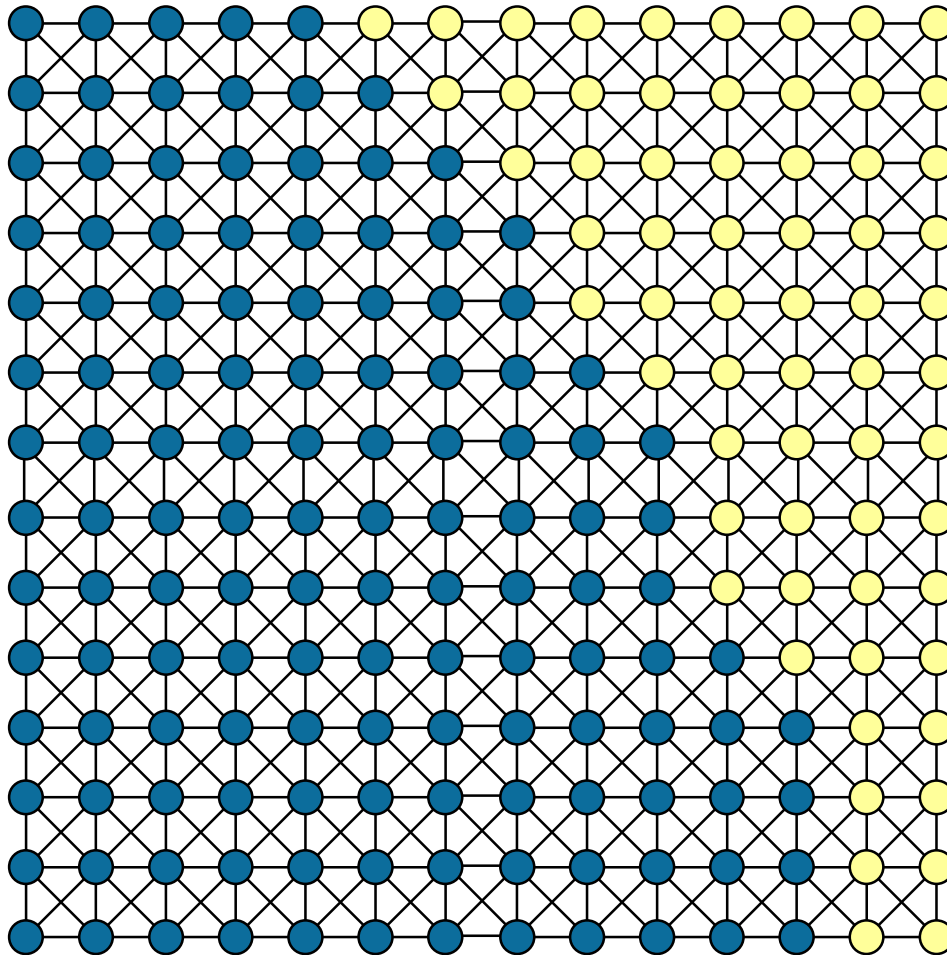


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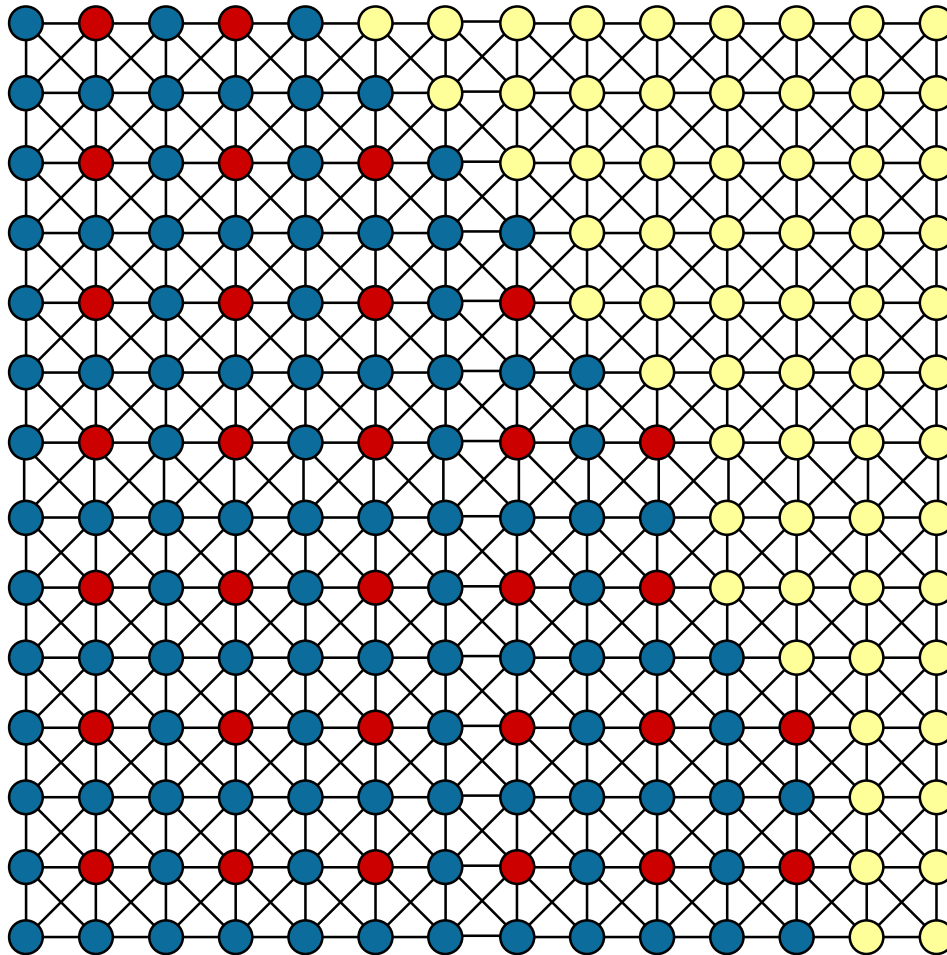


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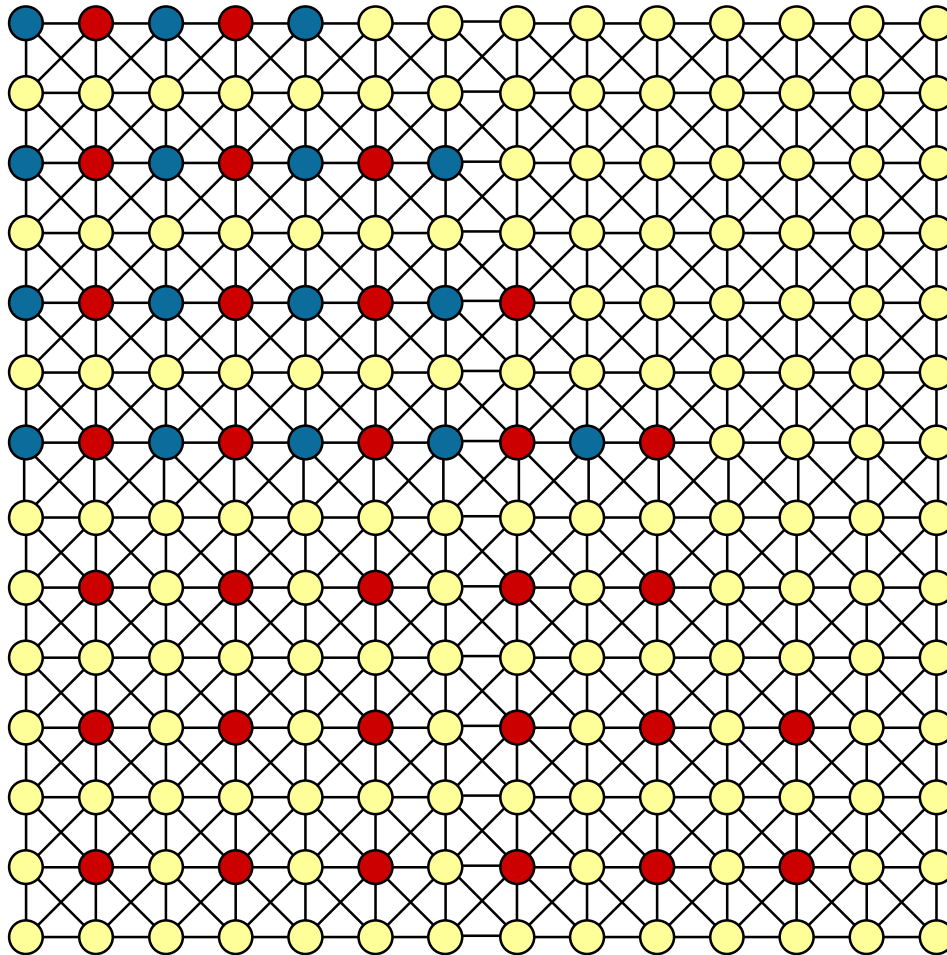


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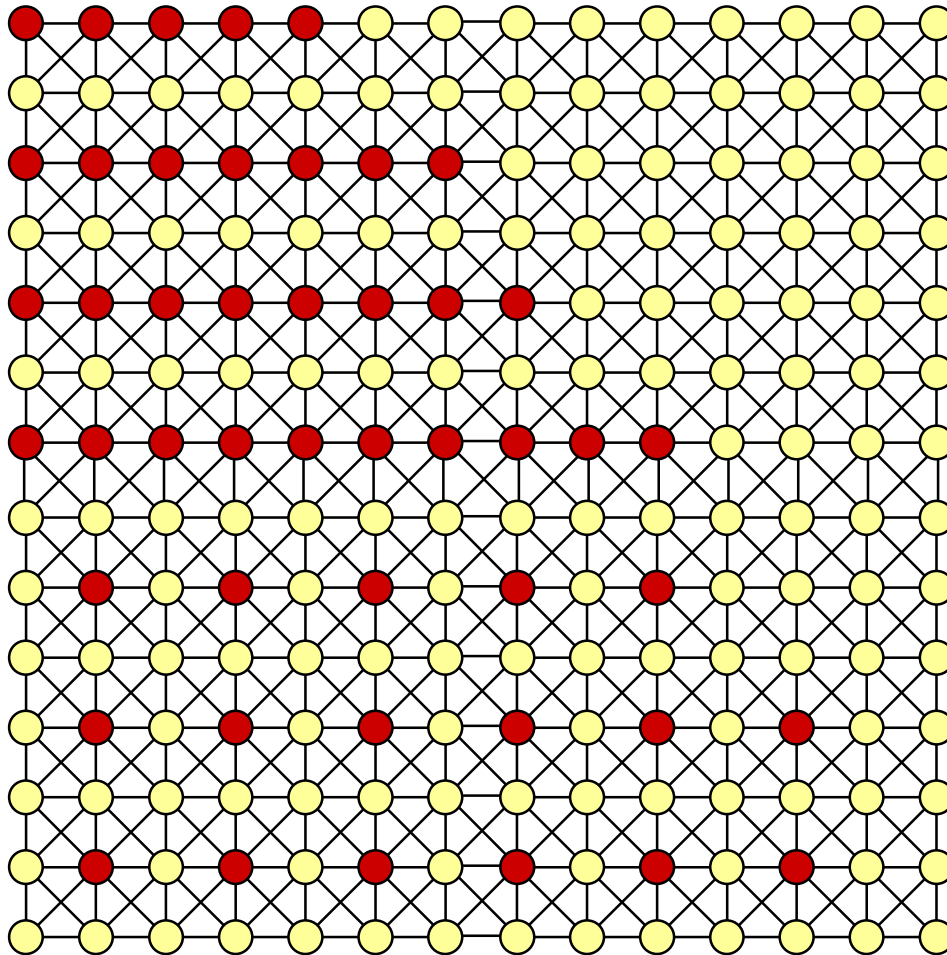


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CR based on matrix splittings

$$e_{k+1} = (I - M_s^{-1} A_s) e_k; \quad M_s = S^T M S; \quad A_s = S^T A S$$

- **Theorem:** Assume that $(M + M^T - A)$ is SPD. Then,

$$\mu^* \leq \left(\frac{\Delta^2}{2 - \omega} \right) \frac{1}{1 - \rho_s}$$

where Δ and ω are as before, and $\rho_s = \|(I - M_s^{-1} A_s)\|_{A_s}$.

- **Fast converging CR implies good coarse grid**
- **If relaxation is based on a splitting $A = M - N$, then M is explicitly available, and CR is probably feasible**

CR based on additive subspace methods

- Consider the following additive method:

$$I - M^{-1}A; \quad M^{-1} = \sum_i I_i (I_i^T A I_i)^{-1} I_i^T$$

where $I_i : \mathbb{R}^{n_i} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\mathbb{R}^n = \cup_i \text{range}(I_i)$.

- Define full rank normalized operators S_i and R_i^T s.t. $\text{range}(S_i) = \text{range}(I_i^T A)$ and $\text{range}(R_i^T) = \text{range}(I_i^T A)$
- The I_i must be chosen so that $R_i S_i = 0$
- Then an additive CR is given by

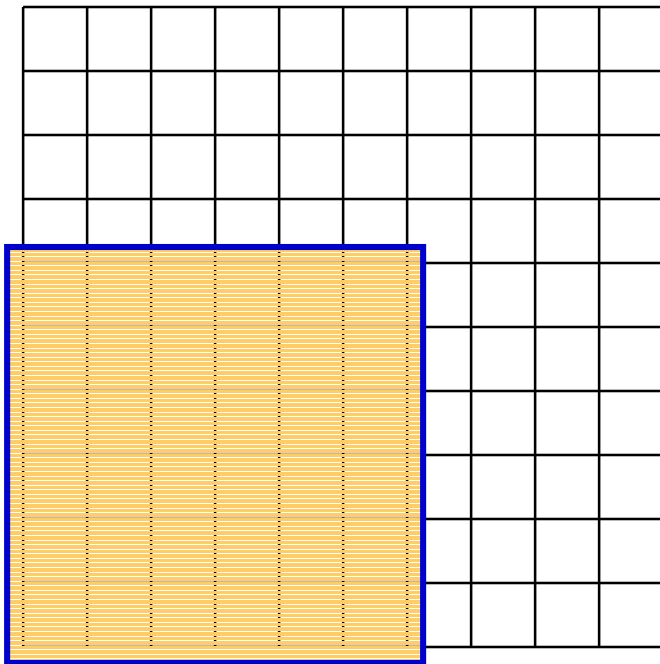
$$I - M_{cr}^{-1}A; \quad M_{cr}^{-1} = \sum_i S_i^T I_{s,i} (I_{s,i}^T A I_{s,i})^{-1} I_{s,i}^T; \quad I_{s,i} = I_i S_i$$

- Same theoretical result as before, but with $\Delta = 1$

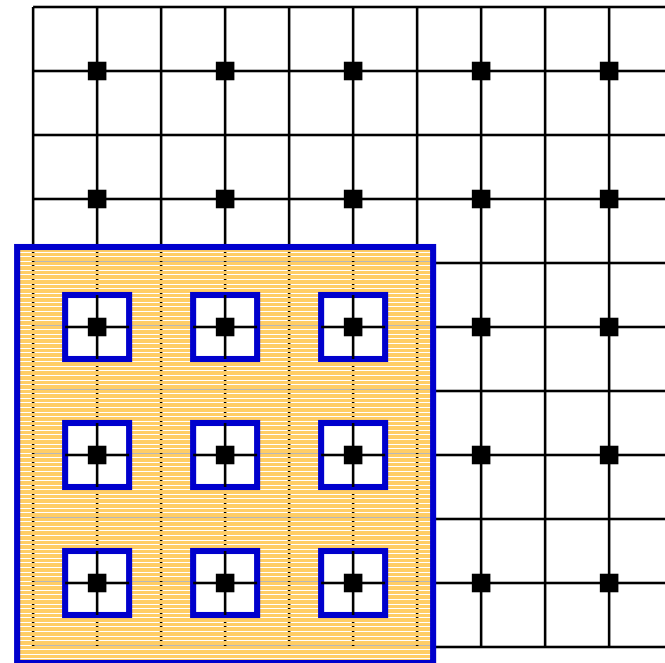
Compatible Additive Schwarz is natural when $R=[0, I]$

- Just remove coarse-grid points from subdomains
- It is clear that $R_i S_i = 0$ for any choice of I_i

Additive Schwarz



CR Additive Schwarz



More general form of **CR**

$$e_{k+1} = (I - (S^T M^{-1} S) A_s) e_k; \quad A_s = S^T A S$$

- Here, S must be normalized so that $S^T S = I$
- **This variant of **CR** is always computable**
- Theoretical result currently requires SPD smoother, M , and involves an additional constant:

$$\mu^* \leq \left(\frac{1}{2 - \omega} \right) \left(\frac{1}{1 - \gamma^2} \right) \frac{1}{1 - \rho_s}$$

where $\gamma \in [0, 1)$ satisfies

$$\langle MSv_s, R^T v_c \rangle \leq \gamma \langle MSv_s, Sv_s \rangle^{1/2} \langle MR^T v_c, R^T v_c \rangle^{1/2}; \quad \forall v_s, v_c$$

Another general form of **CR** (due to Brandt and Livne)

$$e_{k+1} = (I - S^T M^{-1} A S) e_k = S^T (I - M^{-1} A) S e_k$$

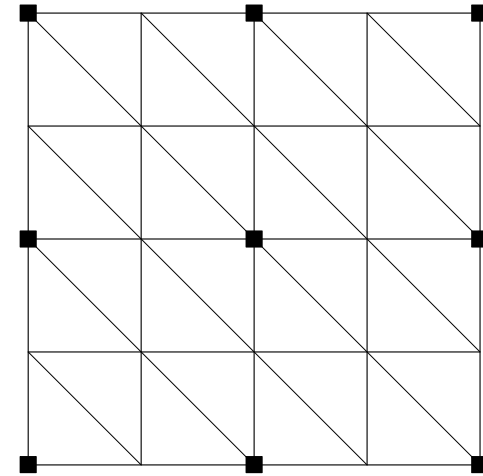
- As before, S must be normalized so that $S^T S = I$
- **This variant of **CR** is also always computable**
- Theoretical result is similar, but weaker:

$$\mu^* \leq \left(\frac{1}{2 - \omega} \right) \left(\frac{2}{1 - \gamma^2} \right) \frac{1}{(1 - \rho_s)^2}$$

Anisotropic Diffusion Example

$$-\varepsilon u_{xx} - u_{yy} = f$$

- Dirichlet BC's and $\varepsilon \in (0, 1]$
- Piecewise linear elts on triangles
- Standard coarsening, i.e., $S = [I, 0]^T$



- The spectrum of the **CR** iteration matrix satisfies

$$\lambda(I - M_S^{-1} A_S) \in \left[-\sqrt{\frac{\varepsilon}{2+\varepsilon}}, \sqrt{\frac{\varepsilon}{2+\varepsilon}} \right]$$

- Linear interpolation satisfies, with $\eta = 2$,

$$\langle A Qe, Qe \rangle \leq \eta \langle Ae, e \rangle, \quad \forall e$$

Anisotropic Diffusion Example – leveraging previous work

- Consider the AMGe measure

$$\|A\| \|(I-Q)e\|^2 \leq \eta \langle Ae, e \rangle$$

- It is easy to show that $\eta \geq \|A\| / \varepsilon$
- As mentioned earlier, this implies

$$\langle A(I-Q)e, (I-Q)e \rangle \leq \eta \langle Ae, e \rangle, \quad \forall e$$

- But the AMGe method produces linear interpolation; it is just unable to judge its quality in this setting (i.e., when using line relaxation)

Conclusions and Future Directions

- **We have developed a more general theoretical framework for AMG methods**
 - Allows for **any type of smoother**
 - Allows for a **variety of coarsening approaches** (e.g., vertex-based, cell-based, agglomeration)
- **The theory separates construction of coarse-grid correction into two parts:**
 - Insuring the quality of the **coarse grid** via *CR*
 - Insuring the quality of **interpolation** for the given coarse grid (leverages earlier work)
- **We have defined several variants of *CR***
- **Will explore further the use of *CR* in practice**
- **Choosing / modifying smoothers automatically?**

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